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PUC TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON SOCAL WATER'S RATE INCREASE REQUEST

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10, 2005 – The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will hold Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) regarding Southern California Water Company's (SoCal Water) request to increase rates.

The PPH schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 19, 2005, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 Santa Maria High School, Ethel Pope Auditorium 901 S. Broadway, Santa Maria
- Jan. 25, 2005, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 Rancho Cordova Neighborhood Center, Community Room A and B 10665 Coloma Rd., Rancho Cordova
- Jan. 26, 2005, 7 p.m. Pittsburg City Hall Council Chamber 65 Civic Ave., Pittsburg

These PPHs are scheduled to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the request of SoCal Water. Comments from the public can help the Commission reach an informed decision and members of the public are encouraged to attend the scheduled hearings.

If special arrangements are needed, such as sign and foreign language interpreters, please contact the PUC Public Advisor's Office at (415) 703-2074 or toll free 1-866-849-8390 or TTY (415) 703-5282 or 1-866-836-7825, or by e-mail at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov at least three days in advance of the event.

For those who are unable to attend the PPHs, written comments may be submitted to the following address:

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Or, comments may be sent via e-mail to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to proceeding number A.04-08-042. The Commission will take all comments received, both at the PPHs and submitted in writing, into account in reaching its decision.

For more information on the PUC, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov.

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